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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending, claim 19 is cancelled and new claim 20 has been added. The claims have been amended to fulfill the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claim 1 has been further amended to clarify the location of the pivot axis for the gear rack. Amended claim 1 recites that the pivot axis is disposed on a motor side of the array of gear teeth.

Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable consideration of this response. Please contact Applicants agent at the below listed number if it is felt that a teleconference would aid in forwarding this application to grant. No additional fees are seen to be required. If any additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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